Amendments to the Claims

1) (Currently Amended) A method for coloring ~~fertilizers, which comprises the production of~~ a fertilizer comprising the steps of producing a pigment preparation comprising 5 to 60% by weight of at least one pigment, 40 to 95% by weight of a paraffin oil and/or vegetable oil, 0 to 10% by weight of a dispersant or dispersant mixture and 0 to 5% by weight of at least one conventional additive ~~additives~~, in each case based on the total weight of the pigment preparation, ~~the optional dilution of the pigment preparation with paraffin oil and/or vegetable oil, and the application of~~and applying the pigment preparation ~~or diluted pigment preparation~~ to the fertilizer to be colored.

2) (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pigment preparation comprises 5 to 40% by weight of at least one organic pigment and 60 to 95% by weight of a paraffin oil and/or vegetable oil.

3) (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pigment preparation comprises 10 to 60% by weight of at least one inorganic pigment and 40 to 90% by weight of a paraffin oil and/or vegetable oil.

4) (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~at least one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, wherein the pigment is an organic pigment selected from the group consisting of monoazo pigments, diazo pigments, diazo condensation pigments, laked azo pigments, triphenylmethane pigments, thio indigo pigments, thiazine-indigo pigments, perylene pigments, perinone pigments, anthanthrone pigments, diketopyrrolopyrrole pigments, dioxazine pigments, quinacridone pigments, phthalocyanine pigments, isoindolinone pigments, isoindoline pigments, benzimidazolone pigments, naphthol pigments, quinophthalone pigments, furnace blacks and gas blacks.

5) (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~at least one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, wherein the pigment is an inorganic pigment selected from the group consisting of white pigments, iron oxide pigments, iron blue pigments, chromium oxide pigments, ultramarine pigments, mixed phase pigments, sulfide/sulfide selenide pigments, carbonate pigments, chromate/chromate-molybdate pigments, complex salt pigments, silicate pigments, luster pigments and luminescent pigments.

6) (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~at least one of claims 1 to 5~~claim 1, wherein the fertilizer is a synthetic inorganic fertilizer selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, phosphate, potassium, calcium and magnesium fertilizers.

7) (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in at ~~least one of claims 1 to 6~~claim1, wherein the at least one conventional additive is selected from the group consisting of a suspension agent, anticaking agent, wetting agent, preservative, viscosity stabilizer ~~and/or~~and additive for influencing the rheology ~~is used as conventional additive~~.

8) (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in at ~~least one of claims 1 to 7~~claim 1, wherein the pigment~~,~~ is in the form of a powder or granular material, ~~is dispersed~~and the producing step further comprises dispersing in the presence of the paraffin oil and/or vegetable oil and optionally of the dispersant or dispersant mixture and/or of the at least one conventional ~~additives~~additive.

9) (Currently Amended) The method as claimed ~~in at least one of claims 1 to 8, wherein the pigment preparation or the diluted pigment preparation is applied to~~claim 1, wherein the applying step further comprises applying the fertilizer in an amount of 0.00001 to 0.10% by weight, based on the weight of the fertilizer to be colored.

10) (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the ~~pigment preparation or the diluted pigment preparation is sprayed~~applying step further comprises spraying the pigment preparation onto the surface of the fertilizer.

11) (New) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of diluting the pigment preparation with paraffin oil and/or vegetable oil before applying the pigment preparation to the fertilizer.

12) (New) A colored fertilizer made in accordance with the method of claim 1.

13) (New) A colored fertilizer made in accordance with the method of claim 11.